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TRANSPARENT FILL MATERIAL

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action Mailed 09/05/2002. Please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 15-21 as follows:

15. A retroreflective article, comprising:

- a body layer having a structured surface comprising recessed faces that define cube corner cavities;
- a reflective film disposed at least on the recessed faces; and
- a layer of flowable radiation-curable composition that fills the cube corner cavities and is bonded to the reflective film.

16. The article of claim 15, wherein the radiation-curable composition layer is substantially coextensive with the structured surface.